HOUSE BILL 2608 By Brooks K

SENATE BILL 2811

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38 and Title 45, relative to bond for certain dealers and pawnbrokers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-201(a), is amended by deleting the language "to register" and substituting instead the language "to register and provide proof of good and sufficient surety as provided for in subsection (d)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-201, is amended by adding the following new subsection (d):

(d) Any person, firm, or corporation required to register pursuant to this section shall also provide proof to the chief of police and sheriff of each city and county in which such person, firm, or corporation registers of a good and sufficient surety bond executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Tennessee in an amount no less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The bond shall be a security for any unlawful act committed by the person, firm, or corporation while engaging in the activity described in this section, and recovery on the bond may be had by any person injured by such unlawful act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 45-6-207(b), is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated subdivision thereto:

() Proof that the petitioner maintains a good and sufficient surety bond executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the state of Tennessee in an amount no less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The bond shall be a security for any unlawful act committed by the petitioner while conducting a pawn transaction and recovery on the bond may be had by any person injured by such unlawful act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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